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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Application No. 09/458,298; Filed: December 10, 1999
For: **Inducing Cellular Immune Responses to MAGE 2/3 Using Peptide
and Nucleic Acid Compositions**
Inventors: **FIKES et al.**
Our Ref: 2060.0130000/HCC/J-H

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Assertion of Small Entity Status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27(c);
2. Executed Declaration for Patent Application;
3. Petition for Extension of Time Under 47 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) - FY 2005;
4. Notice of Appeal;
5. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116; and
6. PTO-2038 Credit Card Payment Form in the amount of \$760.00 to cover:
\$510.00 for a three-month extension of time for small entity; and
\$250.00 for the Notice of Appeal; and
7. One (1) return postcard.

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This application is entitled to small entity status and the same is respectfully asserted.

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